



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

GRANT RENEWAL

HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS GRANT

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INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, JULY 01, 2013

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AGENCY BACKGROUND

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 and has the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia, maximizing the State's health care purchasing power, coordinating health planning for State agencies and proposing cost-effective solutions for reducing the number of uninsured.

Within DCH, the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) serves Georgians by improving access to health care in rural and underserved areas to improve health status and reduce health disparities.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health works to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities. SORH provides funding for institutional framework that links small rural communities with State & Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.

The primary objectives of SORH include the following:

- Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources;
- Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance;
- Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs;
- Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems; and
- Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.

RENEWAL AWARD JUSTIFICATION

The Healthcare for the Homeless Grant was created to provide primary health care services and community outreach to an estimated 3,688 homeless persons in the Atlanta area. Primary health care services may be provided at two or more clinics and/or other sites where the homeless congregate such as soup kitchens or shelters. Provision of services include:

- Education on basic preventive health care practices to encourage improvement in health behavior, attitudes and practices among the homeless;
- Physical assessments and health screenings through review, medical history and physical examinations;
- Evaluation of mental health, substance abuse, dental status and necessary support services including referrals to specialty care; and
- Referral to physicians and other health care providers for services not available on site.

The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to renew the Healthcare for the Homeless Grant with St. Joseph's Mercy Care under the same terms, conditions and the price in effect at the time of renewal in the amount of \$169,000.00.

DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that St. Joseph's Mercy Care meets the all necessary requirements.

RENEWAL AWARD AMOUNT

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$169,000.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS RENEWAL AWARD NOTIFICATION

Lloyd Richardson, Grants Specialist at LRichardson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, July 01, 2013

